***Tough Stuff from Jesus*** (14) 7-4-21

*Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to live and fulfill every challenge he ever gave us. He is our ultimate example.*

**Introduction:**

A. Have you ever been embarrassed by someone’s help?

1. Edsel worked on our washer in our new house

2. More than expected & more than I could repay!

B. Jesus’ last dinner with his disciples – John 13:1-17

1. A secret meeting so no servant to clean feet and no one volunteered.

2. Shocking – disturbing – offended – challenged!

C. Three key elements I want to focus on:

**1. Togetherness**

A. Important to Jesus – he wanted to be with those he loved! Vs.1

1. Jesus elevates the importance of togetherness

2. Vital to connect, care, & commit – Sunday class!

B. Togetherness is about sharing not ticket punching!

1. Love doesn’t grow from a distance!

2. It is not an accident that it often includes food!

C. Togetherness even when it includes a Judas!

**2. Teaching**

A. Washing feet: menial, dirty, & undignified

B. Loves does the unusual: LS vs. Foot washing?

C. Teaching us what it means to “take up your cross”

1. Humility

2. Service

3. Initiative

**3. Tough Stuff**

A. Resisting tough stuff: Lk = argue about greatest in kingdom; Peter represented all of their thinking, vs.8

B. Jesus knew it was a process – vs.7 “you will…”

C. Do as I have done! Vs.13-14 Jesus showed us how to do every tough thing he challenged us with. Phil.2:5-8

**Conclusion:**

A. Jesus gave us the example and the proof that we can!

B. Jesus promised to be with us and help us all the way!

C. Anywhere with Jesus…